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Thanks

... to those parents who supported our year 5 and 6 students at this week's Interschool Sports Tournament.

... to those parents who supported our Ten Pin Bowling team this week.

... to the Agricultural and Pastoral Society for a generous donation of \$400 towards calf Club expenses

People of the week

... Parents for your conscientious adherence to our new carpark and bus bay traffic safety measures.

... Dylan Bedford for amazing sportsmanship at this week's interschool tournament ... an integral member of your team Dylan.

... Tilly ... you know why Tilly!

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

19 June	BoT Meeting
20 June	Preparation for ICAS Maths competition starts
22 June	Choir practice at Hurupaki School
27 June	Matariki ... more to follow
3 / 4 July	Parent / teacher interviews
7 July	Final day of term 2

Mid-year interviews

Please keep some time free on the afternoons of 3 and 4 July for mid-year interviews. These will be booked online as in earlier years. A letter will be sent home closer to the time with the access code.

Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 3 and 4 July to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days – the exception to this is the Kamo bus will still depart school at 4pm. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

See saw ... digital portfolios

This year parents will receive access to an on-line digital portfolio containing samples of your child's work, with annotations and or comments by them and their class teacher. Parents will have access to their child's work from 23 June. Those needing assistance to access their child's portfolio are invited to contact Mr Schuster.

Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by email each week, please email Helen at admin@matarau.school.nz.

Items in previous newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Upper carpark	Bus bay	First day 2018
Contributions and activity fees	Scooters on bus	School photos
Headlice inspections	Scooters at school	Naming of fidgets
Cambridge Programme 2018	School Gates	40 km speed limit passing school
Drink Bottles		

Digital Devices

If your child has a personal ipad (as opposed to a school ipad) please encourage them to bring this to school each day. This ensures they have their device when they need it, and relieves the pressure on school devices. If there is any particular reason your child is not bringing their device to school please let us know and we will see how we can help. Thank you.

Matariki

On 27 June children and teachers will be celebrating Matariki (the Maori New Year). They will be involved in a variety of cultural activities culminating in a performance by our kapa haka group at 2:40. You may wish to attend the final performance.

International Schools Competitions

Practice papers for the English exam were issued this week. Children have been asked to complete 2 practice papers per week where possible. We also met this week to discuss elements of test technique.

Parents please help by ...

... ensuring children have a suitable time and place for sitting these papers (free from distraction)

... marking papers on completion

... keeping a record of scores

... advising your child's teacher if a homework workload adjustment is necessary

... ensuring that children bring their booklets to school to exchange for further papers

Remember that these papers are difficult. To get around 20 correct with the first paper is fine, exceeding 30 correct answers is a worthy target, but progress should be celebrated.

We suggest that you don't worry about timing of the first couple of papers.

A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 1 August ... Mathematics - 15 August.

Practice papers for the maths exam will be made available week beginning 20 June.

Donations of Wool / Yarn

Junior discovers would like to work with wool / yarn (can be acrylic) to make items. If you have any spare you can donate to school it would be greatly appreciated. Please send to Room 6 or the office. Many thanks.

Headlice Inspections

All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem.

Student Wellness Survey

.. nutshell impressions from this survey to be shared next week.

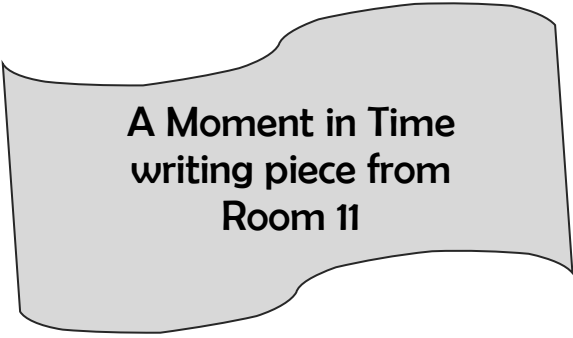
Finally

We often tell our students that winning is great, but most of all be respectful of referees, supportive of teammates, play to the rules, win or lose graciously etc. We have had a steady stream of feedback on the amazing behaviour of our middle school students at this week's Interschool Sports Tournament. We feel very proud of them and so should you. Well done!

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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A Moment in Time
writing piece from
Room 11

Breeze

A snowy hillside stands firmly at the centre of thin, skeleton-like trees. My hands fumble with the clasp of my bag, frostbite slowly nipping at my fingers. I shiver and pull my woollen coat further around my shoulders as protection from the raging winds. As I stumble through the cloudy snow a bloodshot barn looms up ahead. “Strange...” I whisper to myself as I trek through the snowy terrain.

Bronze-coloured hay bales and a long wooden fence surround the barn. The chalky sky blends in with the light grey clouds. Freezing, my teeth chatter as I am forced to tread through the half-a-metre snow. Crystal clear snowflakes glide softly down to the barn, melting occasionally as they touch a lone rock. I look up and realise I’m at the dark, oak door.

I creep inside and have to choke back laughter. Bunnies! Dozens and dozens of bunnies! When I am done I start to look around, although I’m still giggling. “Ew!” Fuzzy green mould grew everywhere, explaining the dark green smudges on the white bunnies. Rotting ladders have been propped up against the damp oak walls, leading to a window, too small for me to climb through. I jump as I hear a click behind me. The doors? I test them. Locked. Just as I thought. But there was no-one there ...

By Milly Parker

Community Notices

Massive Garage Sale!! - Huanui College Gym Saturday 24 June, from 7am. Huge variety of good stuff

Rising Starz are holding auditions for Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr on Sunday June 11th 1-4pm at The Riverbank Centre Whangarei. Between ages of 8-18. Check facebook for more details.

Art with Jessie Rose – Inspire. 10 week course starting term 3, at the Studio at 575 Kamo Road. Limited spaces. See the poster on the school notice board outside the hall or find Jessie Rose on facebook. Email jessieroseltd@gmail.com

Multicultural Whangarei - 71 Bank Street. Ph 430 0571 for more info. Some upcoming events:

- Parents/grandparents/caregiver coffee group 10.30 Thursday 15 June. The group meets monthly. The first session we will have Madelaine from Plunket to talk on child development. Bring any childrens' items you do not want and swap with others in the group.
- Japanese Morning Tea Wednesday 28 June at 10:30 am
- Shared Lunch Friday 30 June at 12 pm
- English Classes every Tuesday & Friday Morning

Creating Financially Independent Kids seminar - 7.00pm 23 June Whg Boys High School, Kent Rd. Aimed at parents who want to better understand the financial challenges facing our kids; create financially independent kids & increase the odds of their financial success. \$30 per person. For more info visit <https://hannahmcqueen.com/>

School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pies, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Rolls (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for

\$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

Bus Bay Parking Layout Changes

